

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Members are advised that today the House is expected to complete general debate of H.Con.Res 96 and consider the Mulvaney, Congressional Black Caucus, and Progressive Caucus Budget Substitutes. Consideration of the RSC and Democratic Alternative Budget Substitutes, as well as the final 10 minutes of general debate, will occur tomorrow.

Suspension (1 bill)

- 1) [**H.R. 4414**](#) – Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014 (Rep. Carney – Ways and Means)

Continue Consideration of [H.Con.Res. 96**](#) – The Republican Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution (Rep. Ryan (WI) – Budget). (4 Hours of Debate).** The Republican Budget, submitted by Chairman Paul Ryan, contains \$5 trillion in spending cuts, including cuts to nondefense discretionary appropriations of \$791 billion below the Budget Control Act’s sequestration level and \$1.3 trillion below the amount needed to maintain current services. It would end the Medicare guarantee and turn it into a voucher program. It would also pocket \$732 billion by turning Medicaid into a capped block grant. The Republican Budget retains all of the roughly \$2 trillion in savings from the Affordable Care Act, but repeals all the benefits, despite the fact that the law has withstood over 50 votes to repeal or undermine the law. It would make at least \$125 billion in cuts to the SNAP program. The Republican Budget combines many of the same Republican policies rejected by the American people with magic asterisks designed to hide even more harsh policies required to make its numbers add up.

The Republican Budget continues to protect defense spending from sequestration, adding \$483 billion to the Pentagon’s budget, while more than doubling sequestration’s nondefense reductions, cutting \$791 billion beginning in FY16, after December’s two-year Bipartisan Budget Agreement ends. That cuts nondefense funding by \$1.3 trillion below the amount needed to maintain current services. It not only continues the “meat-ax” approach to reducing the deficit through discretionary cuts, but also claims \$966 billion in “other mandatory” cuts while giving no specifics on what policies would be implemented to achieve a majority of those cuts. Many programs in this “other mandatory” category serve the needy and the disadvantaged, harming the people with the least means while asking nothing of the wealthy.

The Republican Budget also proposes tax reform that would lower the top corporate and individual rates to 25% and repeal the AMT, which would together result in well over \$3 trillion in lost revenue. It claims to replace these trillions of dollars by eliminating tax preferences – but fails to name even one of them specifically. These tax cuts for the wealthy would require raising taxes for the middle class to remain revenue neutral. Further, despite repealing the Affordable Care Act, the Republican Budget cynically keeps over \$2 trillion in savings – including the same Medicare savings Chairman Ryan criticized during his Vice Presidential campaign in 2012 – that comes from the law.

The Republican Budget Resolution is very similar to the budgets that Republicans have proposed in recent years and the American people summarily dismissed each time. It is once again not a serious document, avoids tough decisions, and forces the American people to play ‘fill in the blanks’ with the details. It is an ideological, message document for hard-line conservatives that slashes investments in innovation, education, and infrastructure, which puts our economic recovery at risk and threatens American jobs. It does not reduce the deficit in a responsible way, instead placing the burden of deficit reduction onto seniors, the middle class, working families, and the most vulnerable while refusing to ask the wealthiest among us to contribute. It ends the Medicare guarantee; repeals the Affordable Care Act; harms domestic discretionary spending immensely, while increasing defense spending; and achieves deficit reduction on the backs of the middle class and seniors. This budget rejects a big, bold, and balanced approach to reducing our nation’s deficit. **Members are urged to VOTE NO on H.Con.Res. 96.**

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, provides for two hours of remaining general debate. The Rule makes in order 5 amendments in the nature of substitutes and provides for ten minutes of final general debate time controlled by the Budget Committee upon the conclusion of amendment consideration. Final general debate and adoption of H.Con.Res. 96 are not expected until Thursday.

Bill Text for H.Con.Res. 96:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.Con.Res. 96:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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[Summary of Substitute Amendments](#)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, April 10: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.Con.Res. 96 – The Republican Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution (Rep. Ryan (WI) – Budget).

The Daily Quote

"More than 10 Republicans are expected to reject Rep. Paul Ryan's (R-Wis.) budget blueprint, and many others remain undecided. House GOP leaders have expressed confidence they will pass the budget measure, but the scheduled vote on Thursday could go down to the wire. If every member votes and all Democrats — as expected — reject the Ryan plan, Republican leaders can only afford 16 defections to pass the controversial resolution... In 2013, 10 Republicans balked at Ryan's budget resolution. But primary politics have made this vote tougher. The legislation, which calls for major Medicare reforms and \$5.1 trillion in cuts, has attracted criticism from both the right and the left."

- The Hill, 4/9/2014